Stock of Foodgrains

*67. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country is self-reliant in foodgrains, sugar and edible oils.

(b) what is the stock position of these commodities in the country and the manner in which the domestic requirements are proposed to be met ; and

(c) the quantity of these commodities proposed to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Whereas the country is by and large self-sufficient in sugar, rice and wheat, there is some shortage in case of pulses and oilseeds.

(b) The estimated stocks of foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains) with public agencies as on 1-2-1992 were 14.5 million tonnes and that of sugar 4.87 million tonnes. Stocks of pulses and edible oils are not monitored.

(c) It was decided to import 3 lakh tonnes of Palmolein during 1991-92. It has also been decided to import 1 million tonnes of wheat. The import of pulses is on Open General Licence (OGL). There is no proposal to import sugar.

Freight Equalisation Scheme for Steel

*68. SHRI S. MADHAVAN :
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has expressed concern over the abolition of the freight equalisation scheme for distribution of steel;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to save the small scale sector from the consequent price increase ;

(c) whether Government are considering any mechanism to ensure that the industrial units in the South are not hit as a result of the abolition of the freight equalisation scheme ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Representations have been received from some Chambers of Commerce and Industry. While most of the Chambers have expressed satisfaction on the abolition of the freight equalisation scheme, a few others have expressed concern.

(b) Following the restructured freight elements announced alongwith the deregulation on 16th January, 1992, there has been no increase in the prices of iron and steel by the main producers, including for the small scale sector.

(c) and (d) Through the re-structured freight mechanism, the interests of the States/areas distantly located from the steel plants, including the industries located in the South, have been protected, since they will pay either the freights ex-stockyard as prevailing before deregulation or the actual freight, whichever is lower.

New pattern registration scheme of D.D.A.

*69. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of registrants of New Pattern Registration Scheme 1979 scheme of the D.D.A. are still waiting to get flats on their turn ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise, as on 15th February, 1992 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that some draws for L.I.G. flats under New Pattern Registration Scheme 1979 have been held in January, 1992;

(d) if so the reasons for not holding draw for those registered under M.I.G. category ;

(e) whethar Government propose to hold draw for M.I.G. registrants in near future to clear the back-log; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of pending registrants awaiting allotment as on 15th February, 1992 are given as under :—

Sl. No.	Category	No.of registrants awaiting allotment
1.	M.I.G.	22369
2.	L.I.G.	26722
3.	Janta	7653
	Total	56744

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Flats are allotted from time to time depending upon availability of flats for allottment in the respective categories.

(e) and (f) D.D.A. proposes to hold the next draw for allotment of 1300 flats in M.I.G. category in March, 1992.

*70 [*Transferred to the 5th March*, 1992)

इंडियन आयरन एण्ड स्टील कम्पनी

*71. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :**
श्री सुनील बसु राय :

क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ अनिवासी उद्योगपतियों ने बर्नपुर स्थित इण्डियन आयरन एण्ड स्टील कम्पनी को सुचारू ढंग से चलाने के लिये सुझाव दिये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) से (ग) 'इस्को' को सुचारू रूप से चलाने के लिये कोई विस्तृत विशिष्ट सुझाव किसी अनिवासी भारतीय उद्योगपति से प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं, तथापि, सरकार को लन्दन स्थित कापरो ग्रूप लिमिटेड जिसके साथ कि अनिवासी भारतीय, श्री स्वराज पाल बद्ध हैं, से पत्र मिले हैं, जिसमें उन्होंने इस्को / 'इस्को' आधुनिकीकरण परियोजना में भागीदारी की रुचि दिखाई है।

सेल ने एस बी आई—केपिटल मार्किट लिमिटेड (एस०बी०आई०—सी०ए०पी०) को इस्को में निजी भागीदारी की संभावनाओं का पूरी तरह पता लगाने के लिये व्यवसायिक परामर्शदाता के रूप में रखा। अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ इस कार्यवाही के एक भाग के रूप में, यह समझा जाता है कि एस०बी०आई०—सी०ए०पी० कापरो ग्रूप के साथ सम्पर्क बनाए हुए हैं।

"सेल" को एस बी आई —सी ए पी से रिपोर्ट मार्च, 1992 तक प्राप्त हो जाने की संभावना है। तत्पश्चात् सरकार सुझावों पर विचार करेगी।

Light rail transport project for Hyderabad

*72. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared a light rail transport project for Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the time frame for completion of the projects ; and

(d) whether Government are also considering a similar proposal for Visakhapatnam for providing urban transport facility?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

महाराष्ट्र में प्याज की कीमतों में गिरावट

*73. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र में प्याज से अत्याधिक उत्पादन के कारण इसकी कीमत कम होकर 100 रूपये प्रति क्विंटल से भी नीचे तक पहुंच गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द प्याज–उत्पादकों से प्याज की खरीद करने के लिये राज्य–सरकार को सहायता देने पर विचार रखती है ;